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PVTA CUTS

Businesses protest potential end of express bus

*Transit authority says
ridership figures
aren't keeping pace*

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Most days there are 15 riders on the bus from Springfield to Heritage Hall, according to Judge Campbell. What will they do if the bus stops running?

Campbell, a nurse at the as-

sisted living facility who has depended on buses to take her to work for 11 years, asked the Pioneer Valley Transit Authority on Monday not to cut its R14E route in Agawam. Eliminating the bus, which serves Heritage Hall and the industrial park, is one of 22 potential cuts the PVTA is considering as it struggles to bridge a budget deficit.

Joshua Rickman, planning and operations director for the Springfield-based transit authority, said that while ridership fluctuates from day to day and month to month, farebox receipts paint a much different picture. He said R14E is serving as few as 3.3 riders per trip some months. Between July 2016 and April 2017, the last month for which statistics are available, no month saw more than 6.7 riders per trip, he said.

That compares with a fairly steady ridership of 9 or 10 riders per trip on the R14 route, the bus from Springfield to Feeding Hills, and 14 to 20 riders per month on R10, the route from Springfield

to Westfield via Route 20 in West Springfield.

But for those who use the R14E route, it is essential, Campbell said.

"If it stopped running, I'd have to stop working," she said at a public hearing Monday on potential service cuts.

Ira Schoenberger, executive director at Heritage Hall North, said losing bus service would "have a tremendous impact on our workforce."

He noted that the Heritage

Hall campus employs 1,000 workers and has 400 residents, many of whom he said depend upon the bus.

R14E is one of several routes being considered for cuts or elimination. Ridership is down 7.4 percent systemwide, while fuel costs, union-negotiated wages and inflation are up over the past few years, said Rickman. Depending on the level of state aid and federal grants the PVTA receives

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CITY COUNCIL

Budget adopted after cuts of \$375K

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Not much changed in four days. After voting 6-3 to reject even an amended version of the mayor's proposed budget on June 19, the City Council reconvened on Thursday, June 22, made most of the same amendments, and passed the budget by a 6-2 vote.

Mayor Richard Cohen said this week that he will live with the budget as amended.

"It's 0.04 percent of the entire budget," he said of the cuts. "To cut \$375,000 from a \$90 million budget is like throwing a pebble in the ocean. It's a game and they play it every year. This is nothing more than grandstanding by the council."

At last Thursday's meeting, the council re-adopted, in 8-0 votes, most of the amendments that Councilor Christopher Johnson had proposed at the original budget hearing on June 19. Those measures included limiting the mayor's executive authority to transfer funds within department budgets to sums under \$1,000; and cuts of \$50,000 from the motor vehicle maintenance fuel account and \$25,000 from the Town Hall heat and power account.

Only eight councilors voted on the budget because Councilors George Bitzas, Paul Cavallo and Donald Rheault were not present at the June 22 meeting.

At the Monday meeting, the council had agreed to Johnson's motion to cut the mayor's blighted properties redevelopment account entirely, but on Thursday Council President James Cichetti said the mayor had asked that it be cut in half — from \$100,000 to



From left, Mona Hogan of Springfield and Lucia Demaio of Chicopee chat with Lisa Zarcione of Springfield, author of the childhood memoir "The Unspoken Truth," during the Agawam Public Library's "Read Local" author fair on Monday, June 26. More photos and details on future Summer Reading Program events, page 7. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher caps 35-year 'building' career at AHS

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When John Korbut was hired as an automotive teacher at Agawam High School, his goal was to teach students some practical, hands-on skills they could use in life or in work.

That remained his objective over the next 35 years until his retirement this week, even as computers began playing a bigger role in student learning.

"Computers are great, but to actually build things, you still

need to use your hands," said Korbut last week as he was cleaning up his shop area, preparing for the end of school -- and the end of his teaching career.

Many of the skills Korbut taught students he learned from his father while growing up in Chicopee. But it was a high school guidance counselor who urged Korbut to become what was then called an industrial arts — or shop — teacher.

The only college in the area that then offered an industrial



John Korbut sits in front of rows of computers that replaced the drafting tables that students used when he started teaching industrial arts at Agawam High School, 35 years ago. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

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EDITOR'S NOTE

In a recent edition of the Agawam Advertiser News, one of the subjects of a group photograph could be seen making an obscene gesture. This detail should have been caught, and the photograph omitted, before the newspaper went to print. We apologize to all readers who were offended by the photograph.

Pool open now, spray park Saturday

Christopher Sparks, director of parks and recreation in Agawam, recently announced the hours of operation and regulations for the Perry Lane Pool and School Street Spray Park.

Perry Lane Pool is open as of June 28 starting at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday for Perry Lane Camp; and 3:30 to 5 p.m. for public swim. The pool is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 5 p.m. for public swim. Daily pool passes are \$1 per person and may be purchased at the pool from the life-guard on duty.

Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool at any time; a cloth diaper with rubber pants or "swimmies" diapers are recommended. Flotation devices are not permitted, and anyone with a communicable disease is not permitted in the pool. Swimmers must shower before entering the pool. The pool may be closed due to extreme weather, special events or emergencies. The pool director or head lifeguard on duty has authority over all pool rules and closures.

The School Street Spray Park is open daily July 1 through Labor Day



The spray park at School Street Park will open daily starting July 1. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Children under the age of 12 must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Running is not allowed, as wet surfaces are slippery. Disposable diapers are not permitted at any time. A cloth diaper with rubber pants or "swimmies" diapers are required.

Glass containers, food and bev-

erages, skateboards, bikes, scooters, animals and pets are not allowed in the spray park. Anyone with a communicable disease or illness is not permitted.

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Navy Co. 125 to celebrate 60th reunion Tuesday

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Members and families of men who were part of the Greater Springfield Honor Guard, also known as U.S. Navy Company 125, are invited to attend a reunion and wreath-laying Tuesday, July 4, at 11 a.m. at the Big E's Avenue of Flags, off Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

Company 125 was sworn in on July 4, 1957, at the Eastern States Exposition grounds, by Gov. Foster Furcolo. The company attended boot camp in Bainbridge, Md.

Most were from Western Massachusetts; some were from northern Connecticut and southern Vermont. They were joined in Bainbridge by several men from the Philadelphia area. Upon their September 1957 graduation, they were airlifted back to Westover Air Reserve Base, and provided color guard for the governors of the

six New England states for the next 10 days, marching in the daily parade.

Now, 60 years later, they will be joined for a July 4th reunion by their company commander, Kenneth Hagan. Two of the honor guard members will be honored — James Edes, who died from injuries sustained in Vietnam, and Joseph Walski, who was lost on the USS Thresher off the coast of Massachusetts in 1963. This event is open to the public and all branches of the military.

All are invited to honor the dedication and sacrifices of the men and women who serve. After the ceremony, the American Legion on Springfield Street, Agawam, will host a luncheon for the Company 125 veterans and their families.

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New trash program starts next week

Trash collection routes, days and procedures will change throughout Agawam next week.

By June 28, all residents living in single- to four-family homes eligible for curbside collection of trash, recycling, yard waste and bulk collection should receive two wheeled carts — a 65-gallon toter for weekly trash disposal and a 95-gallon toter for biweekly recycling pickup. The carts are being provided by the town, with curbside delivery throughout the month of June.

Use of these toters for trash and recycling will be mandatory beginning Monday, July 3. Rather than emptying trash bins manually, the new toters are designed to be lifted by a mechanical arm attached to the garbage truck, making the collection process more efficient.

Carts should be placed curbside with the arrows on the lid of the cart pointing toward the street, and handles and wheels facing the house. Carts should be placed no more than 2 feet from the street, with at least 2 feet between each other and 4 feet from all parked cars and permanent structures.

Route changes: Although trash will continue to be collected weekly, the routes will change next week. Residents should pay particular attention to the new collection schedule, available at agawam.ma.us/news/FeedID=826. All routes have been redesigned to operate more efficiently and most trash days and recycling weeks have been changed. Routes will now be run five days a week, rather than four. Trash will continue to be collected weekly, recycling every other week. Due to the change in recycling collection weeks, blue bins may be used for any overflow recycling on residents' first scheduled recycling collection day in July.

Holiday delays: Six times each year, collections may be delayed by a day. There will be no trash or recycling pickups on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas; any scheduled for those days, and all remaining collections for that week, will take place the following day. For those six weeks, Friday's collection will take place on Saturday.

Excess trash: In the event a resident has trash in excess of the 65-gallon cart, trash must be bagged in an official, green town overflow bag. Bags are now on sale in rolls of five for \$15 at Geissler's and Rocky's Ace Hardware in Agawam; Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills; and Big Y stores in Westfield and West Springfield.

Old bins and barrels: Residents are encouraged to find an alternate use for old trash barrels and recycling bins. Yard waste stickers will be available at the DPW, while supplies last, for barrels being reused for yard waste collection. Residents with a damaged container or who no longer wish to keep their container can leave it out for a one-time collection during the week of July 17-21. Residents are asked to leave unwanted



Agawam's curbside trash and recycling service will begin using wheeled toters, provided by the town, in July. SUBMITTED PHOTO

ed containers empty and upside down on their new scheduled trash collection day.

Yard waste: Residents will also see a change in their yard waste collection schedule. Under-utilized yard waste collections in the months of July, August and September have been eliminated; curbside pickup of yard waste will resume on recycling dates starting Oct. 16 and continuing biweekly until Dec. 8. Another four rounds of yard waste collections will be scheduled in the spring. Residents with yard waste during the summer months can visit the DPW office at 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, to pick up a free pass to the Springfield Regional Compost Site on Bondi's Island.

Bulk waste: Bulk collection will continue to be provided six times per year. Although the weeks scheduled for collection have been noted on the collection calendar, residents must call Republic Services at 413-557-6700 to schedule an appointment two weeks prior to the collection weeks. Any bulk items not scheduled will not be collected and may result in a fine if left on the tree belt. The town has also negotiated with Republic Services to collect toilets, sinks and carpeting at a minimal fee of \$5 per item.

More information: Attached to each recycling cart, upon delivery, is a literature bag with a "Guide to Automated Trash and Recycling Collection." Residents are encouraged to review this guide for additional information regarding placement of trash and recycling carts, single stream recycling, damaged carts and frequently asked questions. All additional questions should be directed to the Department of Public Works at 413-821-0600 or recycle@agawam.us. Any resident of a single-, two-, three- or four-family unit who has not received new wheeled trash and recycling carts by June 28 should contact the Department of Public Works.

Sacred Heart rosary program starts July 18

A new program, "Hail Mary, Holy Bible," will be held in the Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, for five consecutive Tuesdays starting July 18 running through Aug. 15. Those interested may register for the 10 a.m. to noon session or the one offered from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The cost for materials is \$18.

All are welcome, whether new to praying the rosary or those who have been doing so for years. To register, call Julie Prats or Deb Briancesco, pastoral ministers, at 413-786-8200, ext. 3.

Mayor, school officials look at Plan B to build new ECC

By Michael J. Ballway
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Despite the City Council's rejection of funding for schematics for a new Early Childhood Center, both the mayor and school officials plan to continue pushing for a replacement to the Perry Lane preschool.

Whether that means the current proposal or something entirely new isn't clear.

"We're going to have to sit down and look at it," said Mayor Richard Cohen this week. "All the people on that [building] committee are going to have to sit down and come up with an approach."

The council voted on June 19 and June 22 to amend the town's capital improvement budget to eliminate \$150,000 to plan for a new ECC. Councilor Christopher Johnson, who sponsored the amendment, said it didn't make sense for the council to take a majority vote to spend money on the project without any guarantee that a supermajority would vote to pass construction bonds. Without at least eight votes pledged to support the ECC, said Johnson, the town would be wasting \$150,000 on plans that would simply sit on a shelf.

Following the June 22 vote, incoming School Superintendent Steve Lemanski indicated that he would ask the ECC Building Committee to put together a bonding package including both the schematics and an estimate of the construction cost.

The building committee had canceled a planned June 20 presentation by Habeeb and Associates, the architecture firm working with the School Department on ECC plans. Habeeb was expected to present a new proposal that would include preschool classrooms only, addressing the overcrowding at Perry Lane without moving kindergartners into the building, as in the original proposal from 2015.

The kindergarten-and-preschool building had been estimated to cost as much as \$26 million, a figure that Cohen said he didn't support and that current School Superintendent William Sapelli had said was unlikely to gain council backing. The preschool-only building was expected to come in somewhere between \$8 million and \$12 million, depending on what features the town asked Habeeb to include.

Cohen said Johnson's proposal that the town take out bonds before funding the design of the building is "ridiculous."

"In order to know what we need to bond, we need to have a plan and we need to know what it's going to cost," Cohen said. "Now what are we going to do? Bond the ECC and just pick a number out of the air? I don't know what the exact number is, do you? ... You can't bond a number you don't have. I don't think it's fiscally responsible."

He noted that when the town voted on renovating the Agawam High School athletic facilities — a project approved by the City Council — plans were drawn up first, funded by the capital improvement budget, before bonding the construction costs.

The defeat of the design funding might open the door to a change in the town's approach to its preschool needs, Cohen added.

"One of the things I'm pursuing is how we can do it with existing space," he said. "I think the contingency [plan] could be what space we have at the high school that we aren't using."

Pre-kindergarten classes in Agawam have been held in what was originally billed as a "temporary" structure at Perry Lane Park since the 1990s. Teachers have long complained of a space shortage in the building, with hallways being used as class and office space. In recent years, two preschool classrooms have been moved off-site to elementary schools.

Sapelli has said the elementary schools, which serve kindergarten through grade 4, are already crowded, with "specialist" teachers — subjects such as art — having to travel from room to room with their materials on a cart. To give each teacher an individual classroom, kindergarten would have to move out, he said.

The School Committee voted last year to support building a kindergarten and preschool building on what is now the front lawn of Agawam Junior High School. Sapelli said the preschool-only building would be built on the same site, and designed in such a way that it could be expanded in the future to accommodate kindergarten.

The City Council voted twice to reject the design funding because it was attached to the town budget as an amendment, and council initially rejected the entire budget at its June 19 meeting. At both meetings, councilors Robert Rossi and Richard Theroux opposed the cut. Councilor Anthony Suffriti joined the opposition on the second vote.

Theme park fireworks start Sunday

Six Flags New England will celebrate America's independence during a three-day Coca-Cola Fourth Fest, July 2-4.

The theme park at 1623 Main St., Agawam, will offer free admission to all active and retired military, with valid identification, on those three days. A 15-minute fireworks display will begin at 9:30 each evening, Sunday to Tuesday. Other events and promotions will also take place in the park on all three days.

On Sunday, July 2, Six Flags will host One Call Away, which will provide resources, counselors and activities for guests and military families. One Call Away is a non-profit organization that provides counseling, support and financial services

to active military, veterans and families suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

"One Call Away Foundation is proud to partner with Six Flags New England as we celebrate active and retired military together," said David Sutton, president and founder of One Call Away, and a resident of Southwick. "The foundation wishes to help grow the general public's awareness of PTSD and Six Flags New England is a perfect place to accomplish this initiative. Together we can help our men and women in uniform, and assist any veteran in distress as a community."

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Democracy ailing? That's 'fake news'

Happy birthday, America. Will this be your last? Both sides of an increasingly wide political divide have been saying, for years, that we're living in the end times of American democracy. That's not to say they agree, even on that; after all, they tend not to say it at the same time. They tend only to say it when their opponents are the ones getting room service at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

They're wrong. As we get ready to celebrate our independence for the 241st year, Americans remain united, more deeply than we realize, in a shared commitment to rule of law and constitutional government. As long as we hold on to those first principles, the American experiment is in no danger of failing.

Certainly we are no more divided today than we were in the 1850s and '60s, when parts of the country felt that their political differences with the powers in Washington, D.C., were so profound and intractable that parts of the country threatened — and then fought — to secede.

Nor, in many ways, are we more divided than in the 1950s and '60s, when Washington had to send federal troops to the South to enforce equality laws against the rabid opposition of local (white) political leaders. Say what you will about Bush or Obama or Trump, each of whom has taken his turn at being heralded the demise of democracy, but none of them has found it necessary to call in the National Guard over the objection of state and local elected officials.

Yes, we are divided, and in some ways we are more divided than we were 50 years ago; it's often commented that we insulate ourselves in ideological "echo chambers" where we only read news sources and create Internet communities that agree with us politically. But how much diversity of thought was there, really, back when all the dads in the neighborhood had grown up in town, all worked at the mill down the street and all belonged to the same union? How united were we back when every immigrant group centered its social life on an ethnically segregated parish?

American politics has always been a rough sport. Today's push-pollers, lobbyists and donation bundlers are no more cynical and machiavellian than yesterday's ward heelers, political "machine" bosses or smoke-filled-room kingmakers. The conspiracy theories and slander on the Internet today aren't too different from what passed for journalism in the free press of the 1790s. Nor — as in President John Adams' signing of the Alien and Sedition Acts, criminalizing strident political speech — is a press corps and White House openly at war with one another anything new.

Yet today we think of the early republic, the Union of Lincoln's time, and even the good old days of the 1950s — "good" if you were a white male — as healthy times for democracy. And in a way, they were; in the end, the voice of the majority was heard. As it continues to be today, no matter how long and messy the process may seem.

Happy birthday, America. You're not perfect but that's OK. You're still growing, year by year.

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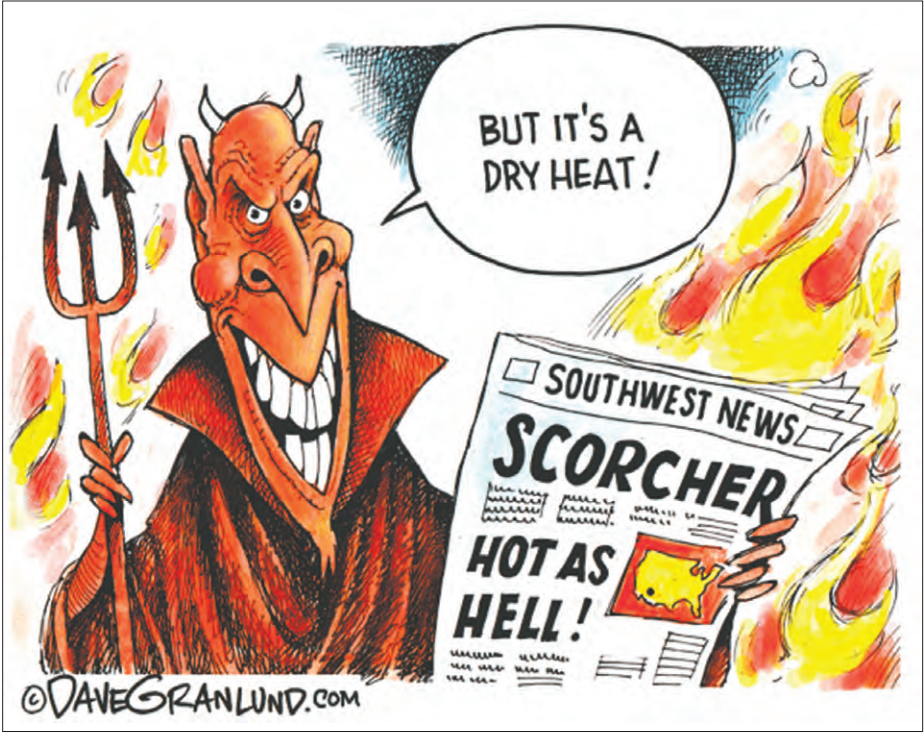
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Letters to the Editor

Council was wrong to cut ECC design budget

As a member of the Early Childhood Center Building Committee, I can't for the life of me understand why the City Council, by a majority vote, cut the \$150,000 out of the capital improvement budget for detailed schematics of the Early Childhood Center, and why the existence of the committee and the process used was criticized.

The Early Childhood Center Building Committee was formed to investigate the needs of the early childhood program with regard to space, formulate those needs and communicate those needs, which included requesting funding for the project. The committee will continue to exist because the need for a new facility is critical, and at the same time it will keep the importance of the project in the public's eye.

Requesting the \$150,000 for schematic design was so that the council would have a more exact dollar amount as to what the project would cost, instead of working with a rounded figure that could have been too high.

I believe that it was said during the June 19 meeting that the committee was putting the cart before the horse — I disagree! Wouldn't the council want to know what a project would cost before approving funding for the actual project? I believe that this council sought funding for a formal design for the football field before approving the actual funding for the project. Yet the School Department was criticized for following the same practice as the town. I guess the rules change when it is not in the council's favor, or the project is not as politically popular as the football field or the Senior Center, which cost millions of dollars.

I also got the impression from Monday night's meeting that allocating the \$150,000 was dead weight by the majority of councilors before the council even

convened. It seemed that no matter what was argued from those who know what the needs are, first hand, for the school community, it was ignored by the majority and minds were already made up. In other words, this council is not going to fund this project, no matter what you say or how much you say this facility is needed.

If I am right, I have to say that I am profoundly disappointed in those who were working so hard to prevent this project from ever getting off the ground. Instead of trying to work with the School Department, some councilors are continually putting up roadblocks. The original ECC building was deemed temporary in 1990 by Mayor Christopher Johnson, and 27 years later, we are still in the same building. This project has been on the back burner for way too long.

A question that needs to be answered is, Why has this project been passed over for so long while other multi-million-dollar projects were funded so quickly? Education should not take a back seat, but it seems that it has in Agawam.

In closing, I would like to thank councilors Rossi, Suffriti and Theroux for voting "no" on cutting the \$150,000.

Linda Galarneau
Agawam

Breakfast dish highly recommended

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Vic Rufo
Feeding Hills

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COUNCIL CORNER

Enough was enough in town budget

The City Council chose to reject the city budget this past week. This was the first time I believe this was done.

For many residents that follow these things, this was likely bewildering and discomforting. I can assure you the majority of the council was on point and unified in their decision to do so.

The frustration and friction caused by the budgetary process followed by that of the administration finally came to a head. In the end, it wasn't about the actual amount cut, but more about the message being sent to the administration and department heads that enough is enough.

Councilors have repeatedly questioned the budget in the past, not just this year's budget. There has always seemed to be uneasiness when the time came to review and vote on the budget. The council would reluctantly pass the budget with minor cuts simply because of a good-faith effort to support the administration. Regretfully, the administration has demonstrated little interest in actively involving the council earlier in the budget process.

The administration chooses to keep the council at bay until the very end of the budget process. The council has no information about the initial budgets submitted by department heads — only the final budget submitted by each of them. Therefore, the council has no real status of what the actual needs are of each particular department head. While we have asked and offered to work with the administration and department heads to craft a budget that addresses the needs of each department with a fair and balanced approach, the administration consciously chooses to keep the council at arm's length.

It wasn't until last Monday evening that a department head actually said "out loud" that some of the carryover was being used as a cushion. This led to the realization that the administration was permitting, or not providing the proper oversight to, the department heads in the area of carryovers. As a point of information, carryovers are not part of the budget submitted. These are costs related to the closing year's expenses. Chapter 41, Section 58 of Massachusetts General Law provides that "Each head of a department, board or committee authorized to expend money shall furnish the town accountant, at the close of the financial year, a list of bills remaining unpaid, showing to whom and for what due, and their amounts." This means that no funds

should be carried over just because they are unspent and are not needed to cover prior year's bills. This is basic accounting and budgeting rules. To hear our city funds being managed in this way, while enduring a tax increase, was unsettling.

It was these reasons, among others, that resulted in the council rejecting the budget. At no time did the council "shut down the town" technically, actually or in reality. Rather than using words to incite our residents, the administration should work to engage the City Council immediately to resolve the issues at

hand.

The budget is governed by Massachusetts General Laws before it is governed by the town charter. The allegation made by the administration and the solicitor that the council violated the charter is not supported. MGL Chapter 44, Section 32 (2): "... The City Council may by majority vote make appropriations for the purposes recommended and may reduce or reject any amount recommended in the annual budget." If that opinion were a solid and irrefutable legal opinion, the administration should have immediately filed for injunctive relief in the courts. Again, choosing to use words to incite rather than work toward a solution.

When I received a request from the administration to meet on the Wednesday following the Monday budget hearing, I was encouraged. I believed this was going to be an opportunity to discuss the budget and comments brought up by the council. Instead, the administration chose to use that meeting to berate me personally and to rant about claims of shutting down the town, violating the charter and dismissing any new suggestion or ideas emanating from the council members.

The one item the administration did request specific to the budget was to not cut as much of the blighted properties line item, as the mayor had initiated some plans and needed the funds. In good faith, I took that information to the council and this was acted upon, once again demonstrating good faith to the administration even though it is not reciprocated.

I continue to be hopeful that the administration will choose to be more inclusive and proactive with the council and the residents as we move forward.

James Cichetti is president of the Agawam City Council.



James Cichetti

Diamond dedication



From left, School Superintendent William Sapelli, coach Gerry Smith and Mayor Richard Cohen pose with the plaque unveiled June 25 naming the new Agawam High School varsity baseball field in Smith's honor. See next week's Agawam Advertiser News for the story. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY PETER SPOTTS

Benchmark employees perform 'Acts of Kindness'

Nearly everyone has heard of "random acts of kindness," but Benchmark Senior Living employees are taking things up a notch by committing 1,000 Radiant Acts of Kindness during the month of June in the towns and neighborhoods where their 54 senior living communities are located. Cheryl Moran, executive director of The Atrium at Cardinal Drive, says the associates at her community have been eager to perform their 20 and more Radiant Acts of Kindness in the Agawam area.

"They have visited the Agawam Senior Center and brought homemade chocolate cookies to the Agawam Police Department, provided Meals on Wheels for the Agawam Senior Center and gave water bottles to the community volunteer gardeners at Grandmother's Garden in Westfield. We love our neighbors and this community and can't wait to give back and surprise a few people along the way," Moran said.

"Our Benchmark mission is to 'Elevate Human Connection,'" said Tom Grape, the company's founder and CEO. "Connecting with people and putting them at the center of everything we do is what has set us apart for 20 years. Our 1,000 acts won't be random. They will be conscientious efforts to radiate kindness and make people feel good. They may even help restore belief in the goodness of those around them."

The company is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. It was founded in 1997.

DEATH NOTICES

Abatayo, Paul D.

Died June 13
Private burial
Leete-Stevens Enfield
Chapels

Buell, Dennis S.

Died June 20
Funeral June 30
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
Agawam

Learned, James M.

Died June 23
Memorial service June 29
Agawam Funeral Home Inc.

Smith, William F.

Died June 23
Funeral June 30
Curran-Jones Funeral Home
Agawam

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CITY COUNCIL

Tell-all book may derail Theroux bid for re-election



By Elaine Bonavita
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AGAWAM - Whether you're looking to find your vote, discover important issues, or simply read scandalous exposes on Agawam politics past and present, this political tell-all book recently released on Amazon.com **THE MOBOLOGIST'S STORY** is for you.

According to a former Agawam City Councilor and author Elaine Bonavita, "If you have been wondering how you can beat the party of Theroux and get your candidates elected this year to the

city council, then getting my book in the hands of every Agawam voter is your best chance to do it."

So how would a tell-all book, known for revealing personal and often scandalous information never before made public, threaten to block any chance of Richard Theroux's re-election? Bonavita believes it can happen but only if the voters know the real Theroux who is exposed in her tell-all book similar to what Howie Carr did last year that successfully ended his bid for a House seat.

Bonavita, who's been out of Agawam politics nearly 36 years, explains why she's doing this now. "Although I'm living in Texas, my heart is here in Agawam and the people today need to know my story before they cast their votes in this upcoming election."

Hoping to derail any chances of Theroux's re-election, she admits that she intentionally released her book to coincide with the timing of Agawam's own July deadline for

filing of council candidates. "My tell-all book about Agawam reveals my life inside the Mafia, plus everything I knew about Richard Theroux who was also known to insiders as The Gold Dust Twin, when I served on the council with him from 1979 to 1981."

Like most tell-all celebrity books, **THE MOBOLOGIST'S STORY** reveals stories that have gone under the radar for years and shakes up everything you thought you knew about the key players in Agawam politics.

This is exactly the type of book that mafia movies fans love to read. It's also the book that every Agawam voter must read before they cast a vote in the 2017 City Council election.

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Ex-mayors both eyeing seats on council; no news from Cohen

By Michael J. Ballway
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Four additional candidates, including two former mayors, took out nomination papers for the City Council in the past two weeks.

Incumbent councilor Christopher Johnson — the town’s first elected mayor, from 1990 to 2000, and also a former council president — began his re-election bid. Susan Dawson, who served a single term as Agawam mayor from 2008 to 2010, took out papers as a challenger for one of the 11 seats available on the town’s legislative board. Two other challenger candidates, Joseph Moore and Douglas Reed, also took out papers, according to the town clerk’s office.

To earn a place on the November ballot, candidates must return their nomination petitions with the signatures of at least 100 registered voters in town by Aug. 24. Eight of the 11 current councilors have taken out re-election nomination papers. Council President James Cichetti has taken out papers to run for mayor. As of Tuesday afternoon, the only two council incumbents not yet declaring an election bid were Gina Letellier and Donald Rheault.

Three council candidates have qualified for the ballot by returning their papers with enough signatures: incumbents Paul Cavallo and George Bitzas, and former councilor Robert Magovern. The others to have taken out papers are incumbents Cecelia Calabrese, Joseph Mineo, Robert Rossi, Antho-

ny Suffriti and Richard Theroux, and challengers Billy Chester, William Clark, Ernest Lombardi and Peter McNair.

No additional candidates have stepped forward to run for mayor or School Committee in the past three weeks. The mayor’s race currently has two candidates collecting signatures, Cichetti and Vakny Chonmany, although outgoing School Superintendent William Sapelli has announced he will enter the race after he retires on July 1. Challenger Walter Meissner III requested nomination papers but has not picked them up. Current Mayor Richard Cohen said last month that he would wait until the town budget was completed to announce whether he will run for a ninth two-year term; this week, he said that he will make

an announcement “prior to Aug. 24.”

Two School Committee candidates have returned their papers with certified signatures, incumbent Wendy Rua and challenger Kerri O’Connor. Candidates collecting signatures include incumbents Anthony Bonavita, Shelley Borgatti-Reed, Brian Burbank and Carmino Mineo. The sixth current member of the board is Diane Juzba, who has not taken out re-election papers. Also seeking a nomination are challengers Albert Christopher and Tracy Wilkie.

Nomination papers are available at the town clerk’s office on the first floor of Town Hall, 36 Main St., Agawam. The clerk’s office is open weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 413-786-0400, ext. 8215.

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this year, it is facing a budget deficit between \$565,081 and \$1,215,081.

Closing the R14E route would save \$48,797 per year, Rickman said.

Richard Theroux, Agawam’s representative on the volunteer PVTA Advisory Board, said on Tuesday that he will fight to keep the R14E rolling, but there is a perception that because Agawam is more affluent than Springfield or Holyoke, it has less of a need for public transit. Additionally, it is hard to argue with the fact that the Agawam bus simply has fewer users, he said.

“They don’t have the ridership,” said Theroux, who is also a city councilor. “One of the issues, of course, is that if you take the bus because you found a job, once you’re successful in your job, you usually buy a car and then stop taking the bus.”

He said he would rather see fare increases than service cuts, however.

“We haven’t had an increase for years,” Theroux said, “definitely over five years. I’d like to look at if we could do the smallest increase possible and keep those routes.”

He emphasized that his proposed fare increase would affect fixed-route service only, not “paratransit” van rides for dis-

Bus stop requests?

The PVTA wants to hear from Agawam residents and bus riders about their opinions on the proposed service cuts. Comments must be received by July 11, and may be submitted by:

Mail: Send letters to Sandra E. Sheehan, PVTA Administrator, 2808 Main St., Springfield, MA 01107.

Email: Send email to comments@pvta.com.

Phone: Call 413-732-6248, ext. 235, and leave a recorded message up to three minutes.

Additionally, the last two of the 11 public hearings will be in nearby cities, and participants from any town are welcome to speak and request more information about any of the proposed changes, including the Agawam service.

Hearings in Westfield are 4-5 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Thursday, July 6, at the Transit Pavilion, 10 Arnold St., Westfield. Hearings in Chicopee are 4-5 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. Monday, July 10, at City Hall, 17 Springfield St., Chicopee.

might not fit in with the driver’s schedule. The buses that run on the R14E route are “interlined” with other routes, so that they are not sitting idle at the garage between runs.

Tom Nipps, talent acquisition specialist at OMG, agreed that the PVTA needs to adjust its schedule.

“None of our 300 employees can ride the bus,” he said. “If it arrives at 7 in the morning, they can’t clock in on time.”

Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen also sent a letter to the PVTA, registering his “strong opposition” to the proposed cut.

The Chamber of Commerce made a similar complaint in March 2015, about half a year after the R14E began operation with its current schedule. At the time, the PVTA was said to be looking into a “flex route” bus as a possible solution in Agawam — a service that allows riders to request stops and pickups at a wide variety of locations that would be visited only if demand warranted.

Rickman said the PVTA has tested that concept over the past few years in South Hadley, and it has not been a success. The flex-route “Tiger Trolley” is another of the PVTA routes that might be cut this year.

Before the R14E was inaugurated, the R14 ran a longer, more complicated route that included side trips to Heritage Hall and the industrial park. Rickman said part of the reason for creating the R14E was to simplify the R14 route map.

Other service changes being contemplated by the PVTA are the elimination of the 39, M40, P20E, P21E, R27 and X98 buses and the Tiger Trolley; the elimination of weekend service on the 39, B23, M40, P20E, P21E and R29 buses; and other changes to the 34CS, 35CS, 46, B4, B48, G5 and X90 routes.

In all, the 22 proposed cuts would produce more savings than the PVTA needs. Even in a worst-case budget, not all of the cuts would be enacted.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. A minute amount (Scott)

5. Supernatural

11. Shortening

14. More firm

15. Other side

18. Philippine island

19. More unnatural

21. Microsoft Surface Book

23. Ice T’s wife

24. Domesticates

28. Only one time

29. In absentia

30. Crustlike surface of a healing skin lesion

32. Distress signal

33. Engine additive

35. 1990s female R&B trio

36. Very fast airplane

39. A reward (archaic)

41. Anno Domini

42. Golf supplies

44. Indian term of respect

46. French river

47. Turn down the lights

49. Blood-sucking African fly

52. Provides info

56. Procrastinates

58. Tower with balconies

60. Where researchers work

62. Religious office

63. Must-have for office workers

CLUES DOWN

1. In possession of

2. Aborigines

3. Early Syrian kingdom

4. Clip

5. Misleads

6. Cosmetic Ingredient Review

7. Calcium

8. United Talent Agency

9. Hair problem

10. Took down

12. Round Dutch cheese

13. Bicycle manufacturer

16. Suffix plural

17. Painting technique

20. Small Eurasian deer (pl.)

22. Mr. T’s character “___ Baracus”

25. Progressive nerve disease

26. Shock therapy

27. Able to be sold

29. Suffix

31. Binary coded decimal

34. Goes well with a carrot

36. A way to measure

37. Doctor ___, children’s book author

38. Jewish calendar month

40. Designated hitter

43. Polish village

45. Part of the mind

48. Hand (Spanish)

50. Hit with the open hand

51. Italian island

53. Shakespeare was one

54. Lake ___, one of the Great

55. Oswald and Marvin were two

57. Soak up using something absorbent

58. Kids’ dish ___ and cheese

59. Expression of disappointment

61. The ancient Egyptian sun god



An R14E bus leaves the Heritage Hall campus, bound for Union Station in Springfield, on Tuesday afternoon. The PVTA has proposed eliminating the route. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Weekday schedule

The R14E bus runs four express trips per day from Springfield to Agawam and back.

Union Station	Heritage Hall	Industrial Park	Heritage Hall	Union Station
6:35 a.m.	6:45	7:00	7:10	7:25
1:30 p.m.	1:45	2:00	2:10	2:25
3:00 p.m.	3:15	3:30	3:40	3:55
6:30 p.m.	6:45	7:00	7:10	7:25

Author event kicks off summer reading at library

The theme of the 13th annual Adult Summer Reading program at the Agawam Public Library, which began June 26, is “Build a Better World.” Participants who check out reading materials will receive a scratch ticket to be redeemed at the information desk. Every ticket is a winner and is entered into the weekly raffle drawing for a \$25 gift card. In addition, those who complete a Bingo card will receive an entry into the grand prize drawing for a \$100 Visa gift card. Up to five Bingo cards can be completed and must be verified by the reference desk or the information desk staff. Winning continues until Friday, Aug. 4, at 3 p.m., when the grand prize will be drawn.

Throughout the summer, the library will host special programs tied in to the summer reading theme, starting with Read Local, an author fair held earlier this week. Adult programs in July include:

Library Lunchtimes: Fridays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21 and 28, and Aug. 4, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Bring lunch and listen to “Wonder,” by R.J. Palacio, read aloud by library staff. Participants may even hear some childhood favorites. Dessert will be provided.

Build a Better World with Plarn: Tuesday, July 11, 18 and 25, and Aug. 1, 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. The whole family can build a better world by learning how to crochet mats out of plastic grocery bags. Participants make “plarn” (plastic yarn), which will be used to make crochet mats to be donated to those in need. Karen Robinson will lead this family event, which will be held in the Children’s Room. Participants are encouraged to bring their own bags. A basic understanding of how to crochet would be beneficial, but is not necessary. This program is for everyone age 10 and older. Adults are encouraged to attend alone or with other adult friends. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Build a Better World with Allergen-Free Baking: Thursday, July 13, 7 p.m. Learn the “secrets” to substituting ingredients in recipes to create desserts which not only are healthier, but delicious tasting. Through her personal experience and her knowledge from cooking for family-owned restaurants, Paula Castner has almost 40 years of familiarity with food allergies and almost 20 years of experience with hypoglycemic and diabetic requirements.

Build a Better World with Henry David Thoreau: Monday, July 17, 7 p.m. American author and naturalist Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862) is best known for spending one night in jail for nonpayment of the state poll tax, and for living for two years along the shores of Walden Pond in Concord, Mass. More than a century and a half later, his essays and books are still being read, and his words are still printed on inspirational posters and greeting cards. What were his basic philosophies, and how



Jo McNulty of Holyoke holds up a copy of “Memoir of a Hospice Volunteer: A Love Story,” about her 12 years helping patients near the end of life. She has also written poetry, but this is her first full-length book. She’s already started work on three novels.

do they resound with us today? Writer and poet Corrine H. Smith will explore Thoreau and celebrate the bicentennial of his birth. Smith is a writer and poet who worked as a librarian for more than 30 years. She is the author of “Westward I Go Free: Tracing Thoreau’s Last Journey,” the first book to follow Henry Thoreau’s 1861 trip from Massachusetts to Minnesota. She also serves as an interpreter and blog writer for “Thoreau Farm: The Birthplace of Henry David Thoreau” in Concord.

Build a Better World by Preserving Your Story, Part I: Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m. Cher Collins and Maureen Shepard will share ways to preserve your personal story through journaling, scrapbooking and digitization. Part one is the lecture event of this two-part series. Part two is the hands-on part and sign-ups are separate. There is limited space in those events and participants of part one will be given preference.

Build a Better World with Knowledge and Tolerance — Islam 101: Thursday, July 27, 6:30 p.m. De-mystify Islam and learn about some common misconceptions about this religion. Mona Ives is an American-born Muslim who fuses her American heritage with her Islamic studies. After starting a major in international relations at Boston University, Ives completed her education in Pakistan, where she studied Arabic and Islamic theology with a specialization in comparative religion at the International Islamic University in Islamabad. Ives now serves as the administrator of the executive committee at the Worces-



Delphine Williams, left, and Haven Triplett of Springfield talk about Triplett’s autobiography “Perforated Fiber” with Bob Eshback of Winthrop, Mass., at the Read Local authors’ fair held June 26 at the Agawam Public Library. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Pamela Weingart, Agawam’s children’s librarian, chats with adult thriller writer Sean Sweeney of Bolton, Mass.

ter Islamic Center and focuses her efforts on Islamic education, interfaith activities, outreach into the Worcester community and charity work.

Build a Better World by Preserving Your Story, Part II: Monday, July 31, 6:30 p.m. Maureen Shepard will lead this hands-on workshop, with creative ways to preserve your personal story through journaling and scrapbooking. Participants should bring 10 photographs; all other materials will be provided. Space is limited and participants from Part I will be given preference. Signups for this event will begin on

July 19 in order to give preference to those who attend Part I.

Registration for the Adult Summer Program began on June 1. Sign up for events by calling 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or at www.agawamlibrary.org. Build a Better World and the Adult Summer Program are sponsored by one or more of the following — Agawam Center Library Association, the Boston Bruins, the Massachusetts Library System, the Agawam and Massachusetts Cultural Councils, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Collaborative Summer Library Program.

Free concerts back with ‘Bad News’ next week

School Street Park will be dancing and singing along again this summer as the SummerFest series of free concerts returns in July and August. All concerts begin at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, July 5: Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra, a warm night of cool Big Band sounds.

Wednesday, July 12: Pandemonium, “rockin’ it” from classic oldies to funky chart-toppers by today’s coolest acts.

Wednesday, July 19: Satinwood, the legendary songs show with hits from the 1970s.

Wednesday, July 26: Storm Front, a Billy Joel tribute, featuring the greatest hits of “the Piano Man.”

Tuesday, Aug. 1: Trailer Trash, a “modern country” good time — a special Tuesday edition of SummerFest, part of National Night Out, a community fair and public safety event that starts at 5 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 9: Dave Mindell, “the Rockin’ Robin,” playing hits of the 1950s, ’60s and ’70s.

Wednesday, Aug. 16: Lindsey LaBelle and Drew Baldrige — the annual Kix Country Music Night, sponsored by WRNX-

FM 100.9.

All concerts will be held at the Darcy Davis Band Shell, near the Corey Street entrance to the park. The spray park, playground and concession pavilion are adjacent to the band shell lawn. Tables near the stage will offer free weekly giveaways and balloons for children, as well as chances in a weekly grand prize raffle. The concession pavilion will feature snacks served up by members of the Rotary and Lions clubs. Parking is available at the Corey Street and School Street parking lots.

In the event of rain, that day’s concert will be canceled. For cancellation information, call 413-821-0514 after 2 p.m. on the day of the concert, or see the signs posted at the Veterans Green at Main and School streets.

A companion series, KidsFest, will also return this summer with three child-oriented performances on the Veterans Green. Both series are sponsored by the Agawam Parks and Recreation Department, Agawam Cultural Council, Agawam Lions Club and Agawam Rotary Club. For more information, call the parks office at 413-821-0514.



The Bad News Jazz and Blues Orchestra will perform on the first night of SummerFest, Wednesday, July 5, at School Street Park. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Check it out: Art from sample cards at library

The Summer Reading Program runs through Aug. 4 in the Children's Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St., Agawam. The library will host events for all ages and reading contests for newborns to children entering grade 4, grades 5-8, and grades 9-12. There will be weekly raffle drawings and a grand prize drawing at the end of the program. After 25 days of reading, all participants will be eligible to earn a certificate and a book of their choice.

The library is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, and closed on weekends and holidays. The library can be reached at 413-789-1550. More information is also available at

agawamlibrary.org/children and agawam-library.org/teens.

Unless otherwise noted, special events require advance registration. Events coming up in the next week include:

Friday, June 30: STEAM: Build a Better Garden (ages 3-5), 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Learn about gardening. There will be activities, a craft and stories.

Thursday, July 6: Paint Sample Art (entering grades 5-8), 6-7 p.m. Use paint sample cards to create beautiful works of art and create a one-of-a-kind T-shirt. Participants should bring a light-colored plain T-shirt to decorate.

AJHS HONOR ROLL

Norman Robbins, principal at Agawam Junior High School, recently announced the fourth term honor roll for the 2016-17 school year.

Grade 8: Emma Ackley, Abigail Agron, Mia Albano, Julia Allen, Thomas Arcelaschi, Noor Awkal, Rawan Awkal, Jacob Baeder, Emily Ball, William Balzano, Abel Barbaneagra, Kimberly Beaver, Christian Beavis, Demitra Benard, Tyler Bejamin, Sofia Blanchette, Trinity Boliski, Reese Bourgeois, Madison Braska, Delaney Brown, Jacob Bruni, Kevin Bryden, Paige Budington, Matthew Burke, Hannah Cahill, Isabella Caputo, Madeline Cascio, Kayla Case, Nicholas Castro, James Chenevert, Kaan Cicek, Keeley Cote, Serena Croteau, Gianna Curto, Emily Czupta, David Dagenais, Jessica D'Amours, Justin Davis, Hannah Davydov, Troy Dean, Christopher DeGray, Nicole Depergola, Marissa Deslauriers, Anthony Dillard, Emily Ehresman, Anna Fedotova, Cristina Ferraro, Christian Fisk, Jocelyn Fonseca, Katherine Gauthier, Chase Gentile, Samantha Gentile, Ryan Gilbert, Andrea Gomez Marin, Benjamin Gordon, Joseph Goudreau, Tyler Gouvan, Hope Gravanis, Jordan Gurau, Lauren Gurau, Julia Hall, Julia Hampton, Daniel Harpin, Mia Hastings, Molly Hastings, Sophie Hastings, Sophia Hunt, Vanessa Iodlovskaya, Joseph Jendrysik, Alyssa Johnson, Margaret Johnston, Elizabeth Kane, Jacob Kibbe, Emanuel Kodreanu, Hannah Krafcik, Nina Lakota Ciara Lamoureux, Emily Landry, Evan Lang, Austin Larrabee, Brendan LeBlanc, Kolby Lindell, Nina Liquori, Joseph Lochiatto, Samantha Lubarsky, Jaron Luke, Stephanie Maloni, Frank Marasi, Malia Matthews, Katherine Matusza, Sydney Maxey, Brenna McAnanama, Meagan McKiernan, Siobhan McMahon, Yeva Meleshko, Victoria Miller, Sophia Moccio, Morgan Moriarty, Julia Nicosia, Chelsea Normand, Tia Nuzzolilli, Daniil Oliyevsky, Hannah Packer, Laine Page, Xander Pananas, Myles Pires, Timothy Polevoy, Antonio Ramos, Hannah Richter, Roxanne Risley, Jennifer Ritter, Vincenzo Romeo, Sarah Ross, Christian Rua, Emma Rubacha, Sofia Ruiz, Dahlia Ryan, Olivia Salva, Sage Sarrazin, Jackson Schlosser, Jocelynn Schmuck, Sofia Sergeychik, Makenzie Shean, Kiley Sheehan, Anna Shlemanov, Colin Shlosser, Alexandra Shur, Jessie Smith, Summer Smith, Talal Soffan, Brandon Spaulding, Giavana Spear, Annabella Spinney, Emily St. Pierre,

Rowenn Stevens, McKenna Strong, Shawn Svoboda, Skylar Thies, Devon Thompson, Rilee Tourville, Connor Twohig, Josephine Typrowicz, Isabelle Uneegar, Kaylah Unglaub, Alex Varennev, Ella Votzakis, William Walsh, Abigail Waris, Jonathon Watson, Emmerson White, Kaitlin Winters, Brian Wyckoff, Olga Yovenko, Sulamita Yukhimets, Jennifer Yusenka, Jackson Zampiceni and Emma Zollo.

Grade 7: Amara Agosto, Jenna Alicea, James Anziano, Nina Baranov, Olivia Barbarini, Emalee Bisson, Aaliyah Brace, Zarina Bubuz, Kailey Butler, Virginia Caney, Lauren Carrier, Sarah Champigny, Anatoly Chebanov, Cameron Chrisanthopoulos, Liliana Cicchetti, Cameron Cofer, Hannah Cote, Taylor Cotton, Jaden Couture, Evan Cruz, Mikayla Curley, Evan Danek, Allison Davenport, Jesse Davydov, Emily DeGeorge, Brooke Deming, Mia DiLullo, Alyssa Drumm, Megan Duquette, Ella Eastman, Amelia Ellison, Victoria Felton, Maxwell Florian, Jessica Fox, Sera Gagnon, Samuel Garfield, Livia Gavelis, Diana Ghareeb, Quinton Gill, Sofia Giordano, Jenel Gonzalez, Evalina Grechka, Jacob Griswold, Emily Gulla, Greta Halford, Marissa Hermans, Joseph Higgins, Abbey Hildreth, Madison Hill, Haley Hinshaw, Aiden Holloway, Abigail Holmes, Jessica Huston, Samantha Izoita, Nino Izzo, Christopher Johnson, Autumn Jones, Minseo Kang, Allison Kasperek, Patrick Kelly, Shane Kendall, Lillian Kennedy, Leah Kenny, Ella Kinchak, Emily Kukharchuk, Kristina Kynal, Nathan LaBonte, Clara Laudato, Rachel Le, Brynn Legros, Nathan Lindell, Aurelius Liporada, Rebecca Littlehale, Mark Lukin, Patrick MacDonald, Alexander Marino, Vincent Martin, Kaycie McColeley, Isabella McGregor, Aiden McKay, Benjamin Melnik, Samantha Mielnikowski, Emily Miolla, Emma Miolla, Jayden Montagna, Jacob Napolitan, Matthew Nigro, Rebecca Obeginski, Paige O'Neil, Summer O'Neil, Emily Ottomaniello, Grace Payne, Aniello Peluso, Hayley Potter, Dayna Rahilly, Selma Rahman, Isabella Recchia, Brooke Rising, Bella Rollend, Kaylee Sanchez, Jacob Sheehan, Gianna Smith, Melena St. Jacques, Mariam Stepchuk, Ainsley Stevens, Alexis Strela, Jessica Taylor, Ashlyn Thomas, Domenic Vecchiarelli, Vincent Wallace, Calista Watson, Dylan Wesley, Ernest Whitehead, Branden Wilbur, Mia Wood, Trinity Wright, Syeda Zahoor and Madison Zomek.

Registration open for ‘Early American Summer Days’ at Storowton Village

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Storowton Village's Early American Summer Days will take place Aug. 7 to 11 in the historical village museum. From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. children ages 7-12 can experience the historic life of a youngster of bygone days.

They will have an opportunity to “try on” the lifestyle of the past by stepping into 19th century New England. The week is packed with interactive games, crafts and activities to reflect the life of youth in the old days. Nineteenth-century clothing is provided for each child to immerse them in the realistic experience. Activities include music, candlemaking, cooking and clothesmaking chores, and a visit to an authentic one-room schoolhouse.

Youth ages 14-15 are encouraged to serve as volunteer junior counselors at the five-day camp and take part in this outstanding opportunity to work with youth, dress in authentic clothing of the era and learn more about the 18th and 19th centuries through the eyes of children.

An experienced and

knowledgeable staff is on hand. The cost is \$165 and families with more than one child registered for the program will receive a \$30 discount for the second child.

To register or for more information, contact the museum at 413-205-5051, or see the brochure at www.storowtonvillage.com. Storowton Village Museum is on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield.

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Kiwanis scholars



The Kiwanis Club of West Springfield and Agawam recently presented two Agawam High School 2017 graduates with \$1,000 scholarships. Scholarship winners Kayla Rufo and Shaun Noonan are pictured with Robin Parent, Kiwanis Club president, left, and Laurie Davidson, president-elect. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Last chance for summer school next week at AHS

Registration has begun for summer classes at Agawam High School and will run through Friday, June 30, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Late registrations will be taken Wednesday, July 5.

All summer school classes will be held at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper St., and will run from July 5 through Tuesday, Aug. 1, with two class sessions per day, 7:45 to 9:45 a.m. and 10 a.m. to noon.

The registration fee is \$150 for each class (residents and non-residents). An additional \$15 late fee per class will be charged for July 5 signups. Full payment is due with the registration form. Payment must be by cash or money order; no personal checks or credit or debit cards will be accepted. Registration forms and payment should not be mailed.

Money orders should be made payable to Agawam Summer School. A full refund is given if a course is cancelled. No refund will be made after the first class has met or if the student is discharged from the program because of discipline.

The summer school director reserves the right to cancel any course due to insufficient enrollment. Section time may also change due to enrollment. No credit will be given if the student misses more than one class. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Two tardies are equal to one absence. There are no exceptions for vacations. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, ar-

rangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration. Agawam students do not receive credit for enrichment classes.

The following is a list of courses and when they are being offered:

English: Seventh grade English (10 a.m.), eighth grade English (10), ninth grade English (10), 11th grade English (7:45 a.m.), 12th grade English (7:45).

Mathematics: Seventh grade math (7:45), eighth grade math (7:45), algebra I (7:45), algebra II (10), business math (7:45), general math (7:45), geometry (7:45).

Physical education: Classes offered in both the 7:45 and 10 a.m. sessions.

Science: Seventh grade science (10), eighth grade science (10), biology (10), chemistry (7:45), physical science (10), physics (7:45).

Social studies: Seventh grade world history and geography (7:45), eighth grade social studies (7:45), ninth grade world history and geography I and II (7:45), 10th grade U.S. history and government I (10), 11th grade U.S. history and government II (10).

World languages: Intro to French (7:45), French I (7:45), French II (7:45), Italian I (7:45), Italian II (7:45), Intro to Spanish (10), Spanish I (10), Spanish II (10).

Course times are subject to change and course offerings are based on enrollment. For more information or a registration form, call Tim Karetka, summer school director, at 413-726-1676 or 413-726-1647.

Wade Park now open



Pictured on one of the new Wade Park playground structures are, from left, Richard Bennett, CPA Committee member; Maureen Cayer, executive director of the Agawam Housing Authority; Corinne Wingard, CPA member; a visitor to the park who was using the new basketball courts; and Mayor Richard Cohen. Standing in front are Marc Strange, the town's Planning and Community Development director, left, and Chris Sparks, Park and Recreation director.



A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently at the Wade Park playground in Agawam. Funding for the park, at a cost of nearly \$200,000, was made available through the Community Preservation Act in the amount of \$122,000, Berkshire Power Gift Account in the amount of 72,000, and \$5,000 from the Agawam Housing Authority. The new playground includes a new, larger basketball court, a new parking lot, a new playground with poured in-place rubber surfacing, and picnic tables and benches. SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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School Committee Vice Chairman Shelley Borgatti-Reed presents retiring School Superintendent William Sapelli with a large group photo of the committee autographed by each member. Flanking Borgatti-Reed and Sapelli are school board members Brian Burbank, left, and Carmino Mineo. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



A photo of a young William Sapelli at the beginning of his education career in Agawam was among several early classroom photos of Sapelli that appeared in a 20-minute tribute video shown at his retirement party.

Hundreds honor retiring superintendent

William Sapelli closes book on 40-year career in Agawam education this week with 'no regrets'

By Mike Lydick
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Retired Robinson Park School Principal Cindy Palazzi — who succeeded Sapelli as the school's principal when he joined the Central Office — congratulated Sapelli on his upcoming retirement.



Sapelli stands with Lou Conte, the retired athletic director at Agawam High School who emceed the retirement party. The two have been close friends since they played sports together at AHS.

School Superintendent William Sapelli told well-wishers at his retirement party this month that he had “a great run” and that he “had no regrets” about his 40 years as a teacher and administrator in Agawam schools, which end June 30.

His career began as a substitute teacher and ended as the district's superintendent. That remarkable achievement was celebrated by nearly 300 people who attended the party at the Log Cabin in Holyoke. Retired Agawam High School Athletic Director Lou Conte, a close friend of Sapelli's since their days as students at AHS, served as master of ceremonies.

Speakers included Steve Lemanski, the principal at AHS who will succeed Sapelli as superintendent; Allison LeClair, assistant superintendent; and Sapelli's son and daughter, Michael and Laura Sapelli.

The event honored Sapelli for his dedication to students and staff as well as his advocacy for the town's schools. A 20-minute video highlighted Sapelli's career and included comments from school staff and students.

An Agawam native, Sapelli was a member of the AHS Class of 1972. Sapelli was passionate about sports in high school, said Gerry Smith, his former baseball coach. In his remarks, Smith described how Sapelli was determined to improve his skills and became an outstanding ballplayer.

But Sapelli is better known for another sport — as a hockey player, coach and referee. Michael Shea, a 1990 graduate of AHS and a fellow hockey referee, talked about the many times he and Sapelli worked together officiating at hockey games.

Sapelli received several citations at the event recognizing his four decades in education. Agawam's state legislators, Rep. Nicholas Boldyga and Sen. Donald Humason, presented Sapelli with citations from the state House of Representatives and the state Senate. Boldyga also read a letter from Gov. Charlie Baker congratulating Sapelli.

Mayor Richard Cohen — who as chairman of the School Committee has worked closely with Sapelli — presented a citation from the town and the School Department honoring Sapelli's lengthy career.



Sapelli holds up a framed illustration of an Agawam Indian-head logo, a gift from the School Committee.



Sapelli's large family surrounds him for a group photo at the end of his retirement party on June 15.



Sapelli poses for a photo with two members of his staff at the district's Central Office, Kim O'Brien, center, and Collen DeGeorge.



Michael and Laura Sapelli were among several speakers at their father's retirement party.



Joe Illouz, the schools' food service director, holds a large "check" made out to Sapelli for a complete set of golf clubs as Alexis Ferioli, the superintendent's administrative assistant, explains that they are a gift from family, friends, and colleagues who attended his retirement party. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



Retiring School Superintendent William Sapelli looks on as Mayor Richard Cohen reads a citation from the town and the School Department honoring his 40-year career in Agawam.



School Committee member Diane Juzba and her friend Matt McCassey talk with Sapelli. They were among nearly 300 well-wishers who came to celebrate his 40-year education career in Agawam.

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SPORTS

VOLLEYBALL

Boys volleyball gathers for All-Star game

Hollander named Co-Player of the Year

By Nate Rosenthal
Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE - Boys' volleyball, 2017, came to its official end this week with the championships and the team from Westfield became just the third squad from Western Massachusetts to become the state champions. But before the players went their separate ways, there was the small matter of the Spalding All-Star Showcase. The top players in the region were chosen as first and second team all-stars and then got one last opportunity to play against one another. The result was a fun-filled evening, that had its share of very competitive volleyball.

The evening began with the second team all-stars playing as Team Morgan and Team Friermood and that was followed up by the first teamers doing the same. While the scores were not so important, the players gave their very best in front of a sizable crowd at Chicopee Comprehensive. Each match was three sets, with the Friermoods winning all

three of the second team match, 27-25, 25-22 and 15-10. The first teamers split the first two with Friermood winning set number one 25-22 and the Morgans taking the second 25-23. Friermood finished it off with a 15-12 victory in the tie breaker.

For Chicopee Comp, it was a special night, in that their coach, Al Dobson has decided to retire from coaching after 11 years. His 2010 team was also one of the other two teams to win the State Championship. Dobson was the coach of the first team Friermoods and got to have one last chance on his home court. He also coached one of his layers, Dondre Crump in the match. On the other side were two other Colts, Eduard Popovichenko and Josiah Pernell and they were coached by Tyler Wingate of Westfield, who would also win coach of the year. Also named were the co-players of the year, Garrett Hollander of Agawam and Jared Davis of West Springfield.

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Garrett Hollander receives the Player of the Year Award along with West Springfield's Jared Davis. PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY
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SOCCER

Brownies kick off summer soccer

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School boys soccer team has been perennial playoff contender for the past four years. One thing that has worked to Agawam's advantage has been the numbers game. The Brownies have been blessed with a large turnout for high school teams as well as summer teams. The boys have three teams participating in the Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League this season. Last Friday evening, the A team was in action against Holyoke at Donahue School in Holyoke.



Joe Johnston winds up for a clearing kick. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Sangmyoung Han flies up the middle of the field to generate offense.



Connor Montagna battles for the ball in the midfield.



Jake Neal fights for possession of the ball.



Joe Pellegrino makes a shot on goal just past a Holyoke defender.

BASEBALL

Legion Post 185 drops decision to Greenfield

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM - Coming up with the clutch hit has been difficult at times for the Agawam Post 185 American Legion baseball team.

And that happened several times last Thursday evening when Agawam was shut out by visiting Greenfield, 5-0, at Shea Park.

Greenfield scattered several hits and run against Thomas Grenier and Dom Ledoux. Greenfield has always been a tough opponent for Agawam during the summer season.

The Brownies got their first chance to score in the second inning when Kian O'Keefe, the Agawam designated hitter, sent a single to the outfield to lead off the

inning. The next two hitters were retired before Grenier reached base on a walk to put runners on first and second. But Nick Kavarkis, of Southwick, was struck out to end that threat.

Steve Grasso tried to get something going with two outs in the third, but Joe Oliver was retired to end that threat.

The fifth inning was the biggest chance Agawam had. Trailing 4-0 at the time, Agawam had a chance to get right back into the game with a hit. Grenier would start the inning with a walk. Kavarkis followed by reaching first

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Thomas Grenier delivers a pitch in the fifth inning for Agawam. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Steve Grasso makes a throw on the run.

Sports



Agawam's 2017 all-stars were Ben Yovenko, Mike Basile, Joe Hendrickson, and Garrett Hollander. PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

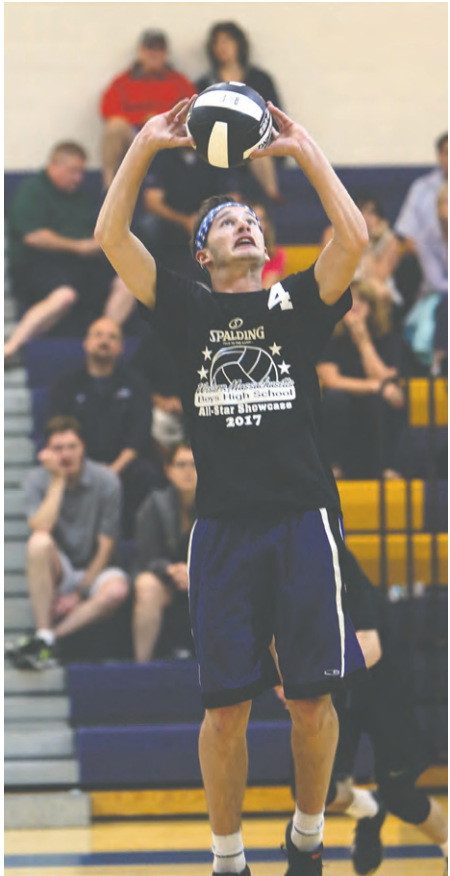
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The teams got their names from two of the all-time greats of volleyball, which began in Holyoke. William G. Morgan is considered the inventor of Volleyball. Just four years after basketball began in Springfield, Morgan came up with his new game and it is still with us today. Some years later, in 1914, Harold Friermood became familiar with the sport at the age of twelve at a YMCA in Marion, Ind. He would be the one to take it to the heights that it enjoys today, to the Olympic Games, which came about in 1964, thanks to his efforts.

The Friermoods of the second team led through the early points in game one. Midway through, the Morgans came back and got a small lead. After the teams were tied at 21-21, they went back and forth before the Friermoods prevailed. They were much

more dominant in the second second and led most of the way. A late ruin by the Morgans closed it to a its final three point margin. In the tiebreaker, Friermood led from start to finish, holding on for a 15-10 win. In the first team match, Friermood led from start to finish in a match where the teams were never separated by more than four points. The second set was a reverse of the first, where Morgans led throughout. The tiebreaker was a back and forth affair with Friermood winning, 15-12.

From Agawam, Michael Basile and Joseph Hendrickson were the first team Friermoods, while Hollander played for Morgan. Brian Modzelesky and Teal Savoury, Friermood and Ben Yovenko, Morgan, were second teamers.



Like he has for the last three seasons for Agawam, Garrett Hollander sets up a play during the all-star game.



Ben Yovenko plays in the all-star game, representing the Brownies.



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Bay State Games offers team tournament events in basketball, field hockey, lacrosse and rugby

WOBURN – The 2017 Bay State Summer Games will feature team competitions in 7 v 7 field hockey, juniors basketball, high school boys basketball, 7 v 7 girls lacrosse and rugby. Tryouts are not required for these events and registration is by team.

The 7 v 7 field hockey competition will be held July 24 and 25 at Worcester State University. Divisions for high school, collegiate and post-collegiate players are included.

The juniors basketball tournament is for male and female teams in grades 5/6 and 7/8. The event will be held on July 15 and 16 at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center in Boston.

The Boys High School Basketball Classic will be held July 24 and 25 at the UMass Boston Clark Athletic Center. The tournament is open to any Massachusetts High School Basketball team and must consist of players in grades 9, 10 or 11 as of the 2016-2017 academic year.

7 v 7 girls lacrosse is a two-day tournament held on July 11 and 12 at the Veterans Field Complex in Waltham. The tournament is open to teams of players age 18 and under.

The Rugby 7's tournament will be held on Saturday, July 29 at the Irish Cultural Center in Canton. The competition includes division for grades 3/4, 5/6, 7/8, 9/10 and 11/12.

Athletes in all tournaments will receive Bay State Games t-shirts and be competing for prestigious Bay State Games gold, silver or bronze medals as well as medalist gifts. In select sports, medal winning teams will also receive invitations to compete in the 2019 State Games of America at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., which features medal winners from state games events across the country.

Participants who sign up prior to July 1 will save \$25 on their entry fee. For additional details on all sports as well as links to on-line registration, go to www.baystategames.org.

Returnees help lead Mutiny past Surf

EAST LONGMEADOW - The New England Mutiny welcomed back faces new and not-so-old to the side in their much-anticipated UWS East Conference match against the New York Surf at East Longmeadow High School.

Forward Abby Sotomayor saw her first action in the Mutiny lineup since the first two games of this season, while New England veterans forward Chanel Johnson and midfielder McKenzie Hollenbaugh made their long-sought returns to the team. The renewed team karma seemed to work for the hosts, as the Mutiny (5-2) converted on two beautifully-built up passing sequences to notch a 2-0 shutout win over the Surf (4-2-2).

The Mutiny started out in good form and capitalized in the 14th minute after a corner kick. Sotomayor drove in a corner that New York goalkeeper Colleen Hickey (four saves) punched away. Defender Jennifer Cafferky collected the ball and with her back to goal, dropped her pass deftly to midfielder Charlie Branch who rocketed her shot inside the left netting.

The Surf would put their own pressure on New England goalkeeper Gabby Arruda (three saves) in the first half, as the former SCSU shot-stopper's anticipation stopped a chance in the 28th minute while she smothered a shot from midfielder Furtuna Velaj in the 36th minute.

The Mutiny clung to the 1-0 lead as the second half progressed, and would tally the insurance goal in the 65th minute off their best passing sequence of the 2017 season. Branch switched the ball to midfielder Sage Dieterle who played it to midfielder Brenna Brown. Brown found team captain Kate Howarth with a touch pass on the wing and her cross reached Johnson who headed the ball under the cross bar for the 2-0 score. New York would have a pair of chances in the 78th minute on a shot from forward Maegen Doyle and Velaj would test Arruda again. In the end, though, New England held on for the 2-0 win. The hosts outs-hot the Surf by a 6-3 margin in a physical contest that saw them make 12 fouls to New York's four.



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Sports

Pioneers top Stars in friendly exhibition

By Tim Peterson

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW - The final result of the friendly soccer match between the Champions Experience Stars and the Western Mass. Pioneers will be probably forgotten in a couple of days, but the memories of the very special evening at historic Lusitania Stadium will last forever.

The current Pioneers players scored four second half goals en route to a 5-1 victory over the C.E. Stars, which featured several former Pioneers players, before a large crowd last Wednesday night.

"It was a very special event for everyone," said Pioneers head coach Federico Molinari. "The fans got to see several former Pioneers players. They also saw two big time star soccer players play."

The two big time soccer stars are Douglas Costa and Rafinha, who are both members of Bayern Munich and the Brazilian National team.

"Rafinha and I are from the same hometown in Brazil," said Everson Maciel, who was one of the event organizers and a former Pioneers player. "Rafinha and Costa wanted to come to the United States and play in a couple of friendly matches. Ludlow probably has the best soccer environment in the United States."

Prior to the match, Rafinha and Costa held a clinic on the artificial turf field for more than 100 youth players. They also held an autograph session at the Gremio Lusitano Club, which is located across the street for the stadium.

Rafinha and Costa, who had played in a friendly in Hamden, Conn., the previous night, played 60 minutes in Wednesday's match. The duo took a couple of shots on



Douglas Costa makes a run with the ball for the C.E. Stars. STAFF PHOTO BY DAVE FORBES

goal during the first half, but neither one of them scored any goals in the match. Before leaving the stadium, Rafinha and Costa signed a few more autographs for the fans.

The C.E. Stars were coached by Leszek Wrona, who guided the Pioneers 1999 squad to the USL D-3 Pro League championship title. The Pioneers lost in the USL Second Division finals in 2005, which was also coached by Wrona.

"I coached most of these guys in the past. It was also very nice to have Rafinha and Costa play for my team tonight," Wro-

na said. "We played very well in the first half, but my guys got a little bit tired during the second half. The current Pioneers players are much younger than my team."

Following the match, Leszek Wrona took several pictures with his son, Alex, who's a starting defender on this year's Pioneers squad.

"I remember coming here and watching a lot of the former Pioneers players play when my father coached the team," Alex Wrona said. "It was also a lot of fun playing against those players tonight. I also think

my father really enjoyed coaching them again."

Current Western Mass. assistant coach Jay Willis, who played in his final match for the Pioneers last summer, suited up for the C.E. Stars. He played the first 45 minutes of the match as a defender. Willis, who's from Ludlow, is also the men's soccer head coach at Worcester State University.

"Jay looked pretty good out there tonight," said Pioneers midfielder Maxi Viera, who only played the first half. "I really wish that he was still playing for us. It was a lot of fun."

A few other former Pioneers players, who played for the C.E. Stars, were Paul Kelly, Paul Wright, Brad Miller, Jayme Kapinos, Joey Kapinos, and Luke Perry.

The Kapinos brothers, who are from Ludlow, are members of the Ontario Fury, which competes in the Major Arena Soccer League.

"No matter what the outcome is, it's always nice playing a match in this stadium because of the history," said Jayme Kapinos, who graduated from Ludlow High School in 2007. "I would love to see this turn into a yearly event. There are a lot of people here tonight, which is very nice to see."

The Pioneers took a 1-0 lead during the 33rd minute when Chae Brangman sprinted down the right wing before sending a cross to Ludlow native Kyle Tomas, who fired a shot into the right corner.

Charles Guelly netted two of the Pioneers second half goals, while Mike Goncalves, who graduated from Ludlow High School, and Deandre Brown netted the other two goals for the home team.

Wright, who also played for several indoor professional soccer teams, scored the C.E. Stars only goal during the 81st minute.

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on a bobbled ball at third base.

Ryan White and Eddie Martinez, another Southwick member of the team, were struck out before Grasso worked a two-out walk to load the bases. That brought it to Oliver, the number three hitter. Ahead in the count, he sent a grounder to short that ended the inning.

Greenfield would tack on a run in the sixth and completed the shutout.

Agawam would go on to split their next four games as the busy schedule continued for Post 185. Agawam defeated West Springfield and East Springfield over the weekend. But the Brownies lost to Aldenville in a makeup game last Friday evening 6-3 and were defeated narrowly by Longmeadow on Monday evening 5-4.

So far this summer, Agawam is 5-6 and is in 11th place with seven games remaining in the regular season. Playoffs are scheduled to begin in the second week of July.

Agawam will be seeing a lot of Wilbraham this week, having faced the Blue team on Tuesday and are currently scheduled to see Wilbraham Red on Friday, June 30 at



Ryan White swings and fouls off a pitch. PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

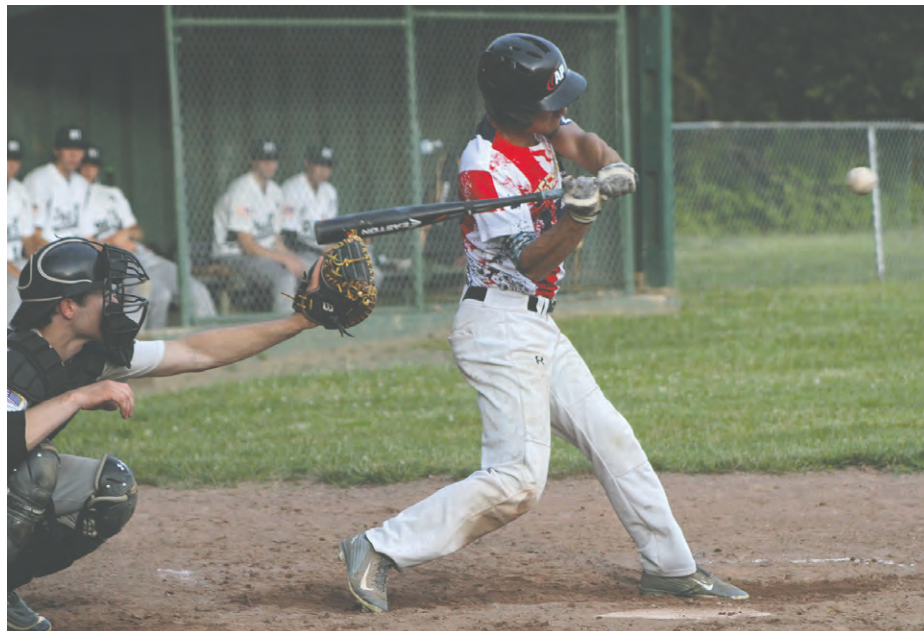
home.

The Brownies high school team failed to make tournament with an 8-12 record this year. Several of their players are with

the Senior Legion team this summer. They are joined by a few players from Southwick Regional School, which also did not reach tournament this season.



Nick Kavarkis shuffles back to first base.



Eddie Martinez hits a fly ball to center field.

Registration opens next week for girls field hockey

The Agawam Parks and Recreation Department will host Youth Field Hockey this fall for girls entering grades 1-8 in the 2017-18 school year. Girls will learn the fundamental skills, techniques and strategies of field hockey while practicing and playing in this fun program.

Early registration will be available June 26 to Aug. 11. Girls will be broken into four divisions — mites, grades 1 and 2, \$75; ban-tam, grades 3 and 4, \$100; junior, grades 5 and 6, \$125; and senior, grades 7 and 8, \$125. Registration begins online Monday, June 26. For online payments and registration, visit Agawam.ma.us, then click on "Departments," "Parks and Recreation," "Online Payments and Registration" and "Agree." At the Unipay Gold site, select Field Hockey Registration under "Transactions." Registration fees for all divisions will increase by \$25 effective Saturday, Aug. 12.

A mandatory meeting for all players and parents will be held Monday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. in the Doering School cafeteria, 68 Main St., Agawam.

The mite program will practice one to two nights per week. Practice night and location will be announced at the Aug. 7 meeting.

New players unsure of whether they want to sign up are invited to try this sport free of charge. Youth coaches will be on hand to introduce themselves and give players a taste of the sport at the Agawam High School stadium on Tuesday, July 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Players need to supply their own stick, goggles, shin guards and mouthpiece.

For more information, go to the Parks and Recreation Department at 1000 Suffield St., Agawam, or call 413-821-0513.

Out & About

OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to Turley Publications, 380 Union St., West Springfield, MA 01089. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, June 30

ARABIAN HORSE SHOW OF NEW ENGLAND today and tomorrow from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the Coliseum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. Free admission.

Saturday, July 8

DANCE LESSONS AND BIG BAND MUSIC courtesy of “Daddio’s” at the Springfield Technical Community Technology Park, across the street from STCC and Springfield Armory NHS. Dance lessons at 5:30 p.m. and concert from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair, picnic supper and your dancing shoes. Food vendor available. Free admission. Rain cancels the event.

Wednesday, July 12

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Saturday, July 29

THE NEW ENGLAND FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL at the Big E fairgrounds, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield today from noon to 9 p.m., tomorrow from noon to 6 p.m. Admission is \$5; under 6, free. For times,

ONGOING

OPEN HOUSE TOURS at the Storowton Village Museum on the grounds of the Big E, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield Tuesdays through Saturdays from June 20 to Aug. 25. Adults, \$7; children under 6, free.

THE SUFFIELD FARMERS MARKET is held, rain or shine, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon on the south Town Green in the center of town now through Columbus Day weekend. Most participating farms participate in the WIC program and some vendors are now SNAP certified. For more information, visit www.suffieldfarmersmarket.com or contact Ellie Binns at 860-668-2781 or 860-668-3848.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

GRANDPARENT’S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David’s Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children’s interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local “veteran” mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

THE WESTFIELD WOMAN’S CLUB’s clubhouse is available for rentals for wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, graduation celebrations, and birthday and anniversary parties by the hour or the day. For more information, call Lilian at 413-568-2916.

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level classroom at St. John the Evangelist Church, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandlin at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers “Crochet Club” the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-workers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

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Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, July 3: Cheeseburger, roll, lettuce and tomato, pasta salad, grape juice, watermelon.
Tuesday, July 4: Senior Center closed.
Wednesday, July 5: Chicken noodle soup, meatball grinder, corn on the cob, baked good.
Thursday, July 6: Roast turkey, gravy, stuffing, glazed carrots, peaches.
Friday, July 7: Breaded crust baked fish, tomato rice, spinach, mixed fruit.

Calendar of Events

Monday, July 3: no Ear Masters in July; 8 a.m., weight training, 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., writing group, Bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba.

Tuesday, July 4: Senior Center closed.
Wednesday, July 5: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, Scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 2 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.
Thursday, July 6: 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 10:30 a.m., Reiki available (\$10); 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice; 6:30 p.m., pitch.
Friday, July 7: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., Let’s Paint; 9:30 a.m., Stories with Richard begins; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 6:30 p.m., line dance class.

Resident riding for a cure in the Pan-Mass Challenge

On Aug. 5 and 6, Richard Gloster from Agawam will cycle up to 192 miles in the Pan-Mass Challenge, which has a goal of raising \$48 million for critical research and cancer care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

During PMC weekend, more than 6,200 cyclists from more than 40 states and eight countries will return to Massachusetts to participate in the PMC, choosing from 12 routes of varying mileage that run through 46 towns of Massachusetts. Cyclists are anywhere between 15 and 84 years old, and range from seasoned triathletes to weekend warriors who trained for this event alone.

Many riders participate in the PMC to honor a family member or friend lost to, or being treated for, cancer. More than 600 riders and volunteers are cancer survivors or current patients, considered

“living proof” of the PMC mission to find a cure. The average cyclist trains for three months, solicits 40 sponsors and raises more than \$7,000. Volunteers, spectators, donors and sponsors are part of the camaraderie on ride weekend, all working together toward a cure.

No other single athletic event raises or contributes more money to charity than the PMC. Since 1980, the PMC has raised \$547 million dollars for Dana-Farber through the Jimmy Fund, its fundraising arm. In fact, the PMC is Dana-Farber’s largest single contributor, raising more than 52 percent of the Jimmy Fund’s annual revenue.

The PMC is presented by the Red Sox Foundation and New Balance. To make a financial contribution to a rider from Agawam or become a virtual rider, visit www.pmc.org, or call 800-WE-CYCLE.

Legals

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758**

**Docket No. HD17C0126CA
In the matter of:
Chante Lynn Segarra
Of: Agawam, MA**

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME**

To all persons interested in petition described:

A petition has been presented by **Chante L Segarra** requesting that: **Chante Lynn Segarra** be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

Jason Alexander Bassette

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appear-

ance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o’clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.) on: **07/20/2017**

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: June 22, 2017

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

06/29/17

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE TRIAL COURT
HAMPDEN, Div.
Probate & Family Court
Dept.
HD17E0035PP**

To: **Elizabeth Ann Tynan Moriarty** of Feeding Hills, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by Paul C. Tynan of Dennisport in

the County of Barnstable, representing that they hold as joint tenants an undivided part or share of land lying in Feeding Hills, in the county of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars, and praying that partition may be made of all the land aforesaid according to law, and to that end that a commissioner be appointed to make such partition and be ordered to make sale and conveyance of all, or any part of said land which the Court finds cannot be advantageously divided either at private sale or public auction, and be ordered to distribute the net proceeds thereof after full adjudication of the equitable claims

contained in said petition and supplemental memorandum filed with the Court.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten

o’clock in the forenoon on the **twentieth** day of **July 2017**, the return day of this citation.

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this eighth day of June, 2017.

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On June 13 at 8:49 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for fuel burner/boiler malfunction, fire confined.

On June 14 at 8:08 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for service call, other.

On June 14 at 12:44 a.m., the department responded to Beekman Drive for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On June 14 at 4:07 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for special outside fire, other.

On June 14 at 9:31 p.m., the department responded to Logan Place for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On June 14 at 10:56 p.m., the department responded to River Road for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On June 15 at 9:07 a.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road to assist invalid.

On June 15 at noon, the department responded to Route 57 Rotary for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On June 15 at 3:52 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On June 15 at 7:59 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for public service.

On June 16 at 8:10 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for smoke or odor removal.

On June 17 at 12:19 p.m., the department responded to Castle Hills Road for false alarm or false call, other.

On June 17 at 2:31 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On June 17 at 3:30 p.m., the department responded

to Barry Street for good intent call, other.

On June 17 at 9:23 p.m., the department responded to Belden Court for electrical wiring/equipment problem, other.

On June 18 at 2 a.m., the department responded to Robin Ridge Drive for person in distress, other.

On June 18 at 3:11 a.m., the department responded to Karen Drive to assist invalid.

On June 18 at 11:58 a.m., the department responded to Barry Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On June 18 at 12:18 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for good intent call, other.

On June 18 at 12:57 p.m., the department responded to Maple Street for smoke detector activation, no fire — unintentional.

On June 18 at 3:16 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

On June 18 at 3:21 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On June 18 at 9:30 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On June 18 at 10:35 p.m., the department responded to South Westfield Street for smoke detector activation, no fire — unintentional.

On June 19 at 6:34 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On June 19 at 9:19 p.m., the department responded to Merrell Drive for severe weather or natural disaster, other.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 437 calls for service from June 20 to June 26. The department recorded five arrests in its public log.

Tuesday, June 20

Yollanda S. Hubbard, 31, of Marion Street, Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license revoked, possession of open container of alcohol in motor vehicle, number plate violation, and no inspection sticker.

A juvenile male from Springfield was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct.

Wednesday, June 21

Brianna L. Gay, 34, of Riverdale Road, West Springfield, was arrested on two default warrants.

Saturday, June 24

Jordan J. Hanlon, 29, of Franklin Street, Ludlow, was arrested on charges of operating under the influence of liquor and negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Monday, June 26

Nelson G. Abdala, 38, of Belvidere Avenue, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant.

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arts teaching degree was in Fitchburg, recalled Korbut, who was a student teacher at AHS before graduating from what was then called Fitchburg State College. He came back to work at AHS after a brief stint teaching vocational training with the Job Corps, a federal program for young men and women.

As one of seven industrial arts teachers at AHS when he started, Korbut taught graphic design, printing, photography, and woodworking classes, in addition to being an automotive teacher. Nearly everything he's taught at AHS has been a hands-on skill.

"When I was an automotive teacher, electronics and computerization were just starting to be used in new cars, so I tried to teach kids those skills. But most kids were still more interested in loosening bolts and doing mechanical work. Computers weren't fun," said Korbut.

AHS is one of just a few high schools in the area that still has a shop area for students. Over the years, some of the hands-on courses Korbut first taught have been phased out or transferred to other study areas.

With the introduction of computers, Korbut went from being an industrial arts teacher to a technology education teacher. Today, rows of computers sit where drafting tables once stood and mechanical pencils have been replaced by computer keyboards and a mouse.

Although Korbut eventually became only one of two tech ed teachers with the arrival computers, that didn't stop him from teaching hands-on skills — from building houses to building motors.

"Students in my construction classes learned the elements of construction by designing and building model houses from the bottom sill plate through the roof rafters," he said. "Students in my electronics program learned about building motors made out of metal — from the basics of

how a motor works to its electrical components to the importance of balance."

Hands-on learning

Korbut said computers can be valuable in designing and other building tasks, but they can't replace hands-on experience. He said physically manipulating their projects helps students better understand what they're building and how it works.

"It's important to be able to envision something — such as whether a hole in a part goes all the way through and joins up with another part, or if it just goes part-way through," he added. "That's where the hands-on experience helps. Kids learn how to make something do what they want it to do when they're building it. A computer can't give them that experience."

He said his goal has been to "raise everybody's skill level and get them excited" about learning certain skills.

"Not every student is going to college, so it helps if they have some practical skills they can use for work," he said. "It's helpful even for students going to college — such as for engineering — to learn some basics, such as how to read a blueprint, or be exposed to machinery."

That's not to say Korbut has ignored the importance of computers in teaching students practical skill. He's taught students various computer applications, primarily for creating illustrations and using 3D modeling designs.

"I've had students design boxes for products, such as a cell phone, so they could understand the practical applications of product packaging," he said, adding that package design is one of the biggest industry uses for graphic design.

'Practical and lifelong'

Steve Lemanski, AHS principal and soon-to-be superintendent for Agawam schools, said Korbut showed his dedication as a teacher right up to his last moments at school.

BUDGET

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\$50,000 — instead. Johnson and Councilor Gina Letellier pushed for a reduction to \$25,000, but ended up voting in favor of the \$50,000. The only councilor to vote against it was Joseph Mineo.

A smaller majority on the council agreed with Johnson's proposal to remove from the capital improvement budget a \$150,000 cost to design a new Early Childhood Center. Johnson said it didn't make sense to spend any money on an ECC project without a guarantee that the City Council would support the multi-million-dollar construction bonds. The cut passed 5-3, with councilors Robert Rossi, Anthony Suffriti and Richard Theroux voting against.

Letellier campaigned for additional cuts, noting that Johnson's cuts to the operational budget only amounted to \$275,000, whereas town financial reports showed that the fiscal 2017 budget had been underspent by \$6 million as of June 21, with only nine days left in the fiscal year. She initially proposed a \$500,000 cut "across the board," but Johnson said it wouldn't be legal to cut the budget without naming specific amounts for specific line items. She then suggested cutting \$150,000 from the reserve fund, a \$300,000 account set aside for emergency transfers during the year. Letellier noted that the 2017 reserve fund was only 45 percent spent as of June 21. She agreed to amend her cut to \$100,000 after Johnson objected to it.

The reserve fund cut passed 5-3, with Johnson, Suffriti and Theroux voting against it. Johnson said he "agree[d] with the sentiment" of making additional cuts, but believed \$300,000 was an appropriate reserve.

Cohen, this week, called the reserve fund vote "the biggest mistake they made." He noted that the reserve fund exists to help the town cope with unexpected emergencies.

"That's an insurance policy we have, there," he said. "If we had another, say, October snowstorm, [or a] sewer project like the one we had on Main Street, we took it from the reserve fund. I hope there's no reason to use the reserve fund, but that's their choice."

Cohen said in an emergency, if the reserve fund is exhausted, the town can call upon free cash — unexpended money from previous budget years — and its stabilization account, which is a savings account.



Retiring tech ed teacher John Korbut stands in his shop area at Agawam High School. Above him are model houses students in his construction classes have built. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

"John provided an experience for students that was much different than what they were used to," said Lemanski. "Learning in John's classroom was much more than memorization. Learning was practical and lifelong."

Lemanski added that Korbut's position will be filled, but he will be difficult to replace and he will be missed at the school. "After 35 years, John deserves to enjoy his family," he added.

Korbut, 58, said while he'll miss his students and colleagues, the time is right for him to retire. He paid extra into his retire-

ment fund so he could retire early when he reached the maximum level, which happened this year.

After the council passed the reserve fund amendment, there was a long pause as some councilors appeared to be scouring their copies of the budget to think of additional cuts. Theroux moved the question — calling for an immediate vote on the main motion — and Johnson seconded him after another noticeable wait. Both moving the question, and the budget as amended, passed 6-2, with Mineo and Suffriti voting against.

The new budget year begins July 1.

'We had six weeks'

As the council began making changes to the mayor's budget, Councilor Richard Theroux raised a "charter objection" — a parliamentary maneuver designed to postpone a vote to a future meeting — in protest of the fact that Johnson was proposing cuts without the mayor, financial officers or department heads present to answer questions about those cuts' impact. He echoed his comments from June 19, when he said the council should have raised all of its objections to the budget during its workshop sessions earlier in the month, rather than waiting for the day of the vote itself. He noted that the mayor had submitted the budget more than 40 days previously.

"I don't believe that after six weeks of having this budget before us, that we should be making cuts as we feel without the information in front of us," Theroux said. "We had six weeks to get the answers. If you have issues on these accounts, why were they not brought up at that time? [This is] a 'gotcha' game, in my opinion."

His objection was overruled in a 7-1 vote of the council. Rossi said that the council has 45 days to make amendments to the budget, and is "well within our rights" To take all 45 days. He added that the mayor had not attended either of the council's budget workshops, and therefore had not been around to answer councilors' questions.

This week, Cohen responded that any of the councilors could have called him on the telephone to ask about the budget, and none but Bitzas and Theroux did. Cohen also said that his department heads, who did attend the workshops, were capable of answering any questions the council had.

Retiring school staff honored

John Korbut is among 11 Agawam school employees who are retiring on June 30. Collectively, they have nearly 300 years of experience in the district. At the June 13 School Committee meeting, the following retirees were honored:

Teachers: John Korbut, technical education teacher at the high school, 35 years; Jeffrey Corbin, social studies teacher at the high school, 28 years; Peter Donah, adjustment counselor at Clark School, 19 years; Cynthia Campana, fifth grade teacher at Doering School, 17 years; Sandra Sherry-Pitzer, special education teacher at the junior high school, 16 years; Margaret Harak, special education teacher and behavior interventionist, 14 years.

Administrators: William Sapelli, superintendent of schools, 40 years.

Paraprofessionals: Elizabeth O'Neill, kindergarten paraprofessional at Granger School, 19 years; Susan Mansi, preschool paraprofessional at the Early Childhood Center, 16 years.

Clerical staff: Pamela Daglio, receptionist at the Central Office, 17 years; Paula Roy, principal's secretary at Doering School, 10 years.

ment fund so he could retire early when he reached the maximum level, which happened this year.

His plan is to work on projects around his home in South Hadley and spend more time with his grandchildren.

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2017 SummerFest

Shows will be held at 7:00PM in the band shell at the School Street Park, 418 Corey Street.

In case of rain SummerFest concerts will be cancelled. Please call Parks and Recreation at 821-0514 for cancellations.

Wednesday, July 5



**Bad News Jazz &
Blues Orchestra**

Wednesday, July 12



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**Dave Mindell
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Wednesday, August 16



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Wednesday, August 16



Drew Baldrige

***Tuesday, August 1, National Night Out Celebration at the School Street Park**

This is a night for America to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity. National Night Out showcases the vital importance of police-community partnerships and citizen involvement in our fight for a safer nation.

2017 KidsFest

KidsFest shows will be held at 11:00AM on Veteran's Green 689 Main Street in front of Phelps Elementary School.

In case of rain KidsFest shows will be moved indoors to the Phelps Gymnasium.

Wednesday, July 12



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